



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

08/04/04 **BC-31-04**

PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 %

For the week ending July 31, 2004, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.6% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 million) decreased 2.6 from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.9 million, a decrease of 4.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.6 million for the week ending July 24, 2004 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

 WEEK	EG	GS SET 1/	CHICKS	HATCHED 1/	CHICK	S PLACED 2/
ENDING	PREV YR	CURR YR	PREV YR	CURR YR	PREV YR	CURR YR
 		 	 ΓHOUSANDS			
06/05/04	14,542	14,030	12,020	11,558	12,020	11,558
06/12/04	14,461	14,081	12,327	11,702	12,329	11,927
06/19/04	14,498	14,144	12,050	11,734	12,050	11,734
06/26/04	13,881	14,001	12,038	11,602	11,985	11,632
07/03/04	14,065	13,576	11,901	11,648	11,901	11,648
07/10/04	14,283	13,721	11,884	11,741	11,886	11,741
07/17/04	14,584	13,821	11,432	11,686	11,433	11,686
07/24/04	14,519	13,813	11,573	11,259	11,575	11,683
07/31/04	14,501	13,851	11,734	11,425	11,734	11,425

- 1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
- 2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.
- * Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

WEEK ENDING		PREV.	PREV.	PREV.	
	08/07/04	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR	
New York Weighted Avg	71.41	73.76	83.33	59.13	
12-City Composite 2/	78.08	78.84	82.26	62.34	

^{1/} Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

^{2/ 12-}cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.